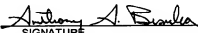


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2003CH108 U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/550977 (37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2004/001021	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 March 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 26 March 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION Improved Long Term Dimensional Stability of Pigmented Polymer Articles		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Christoph KROEHNKE, Ernesto DONGIOVANNI and Rozenn SOURDRILLE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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All other situations.....					
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International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office.....				\$	
All other situations.....					
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360	\$ 0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by %.				\$ 0.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 900.00	
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Addendum

Attachment 1

- Express Mail Label No. ED 795251495 US;
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Documents Filed With the IB as RO (1 page)
 - Notification of the Recording of a Change (2 page);
 - Copy of International Search Report (2 pages);
 - Copy of Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (5 pages); and
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- Copy of the International Application as filed (29 PAGES SPECIFICATION, claims & Abstract) (claims 10 in number)
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